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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Volker ERNST et al.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application before examination
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, delete line 1, and insert:

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--.

On page 1, line 3, change "concerns" to --relates to--.

On page 1, before line 7, insert:

--BACKGROUND INFORMATION--.

On page 5, before line 3, insert:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

On page 5, line 3, delete "therefore".

On page 5, line 29, change "the process steps I-IV" to --the above-
described process steps--.